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PENDING CASES WITH POLICY RELAXATION COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending with the Policy Relaxation Committee for disposal;

(b) whether many cases are pending for more than six months for action;

(c) if so, the reasons for their long pendency;

(d) the time by which pending cases are likely to be disposed of; and

(e) the steps being taken for their speedy disposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) Paragraph 2.5 of the Exim Policy provides for relaxation of the provisions of the policy or any of the procedure on the ground that there is genuine hardship to the applicant or that a strict application of the Policy or the Procedure is likely to have an adverse impact on trade. As can be seen from the provision, this is a provision to be used only in exceptional cases with due prudence and circumspection. To exercise the powers provided under this provision, Director General of Foreign Trade is to consult Policy Relaxation Committee (PRC).

During the previous financial year, the committee met sixteen times and in the current year the Committee has already convened two meetings in April and May 2002 and the committee considered all the cases presented before it as on date